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Topic:

Require actuarial audits of Injured patients and families compensation fund; allow fund to create a subsidiary to offer medical malpractice insurance

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Wednesday, October 05, 2005 11:45 AM

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Subject:

Medical Malpractice Task Force

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Pam:

Attached please find Rep. Bob Ziegelbauer's paper regarding his suggestions for the Medical Malpractice Task Force; specifically on Insurance Market Reforms.

Can you please put an LRB draft addressing section I, points 1 and 2?

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dick Sweet at the Leg Council.

Thanks,

Luanne Kostelic 6-0315



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September 19, 2005

TO:

Representative Curt Gielow, Chair

Medical Malpractice Task Force

FROM:

Representative Bob Ziegelbauer

RE:

Member ideas, recommendations

At our last meeting you asked for suggestions from the members of proposals to be considered for inclusion in our final package of recommendations. I would like to offer these:

I. Insurance Market Reforms:

Witnesses appearing before the committee frequently voiced their concerns about the current or future state of the market for malpractice insurance coverage. Given what we already know, there are some reforms we can look at right now that can increase the competitiveness and efficiency of that market.

1. Require the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund (IPFCF) to regularly submit to an "actuarial audit" of reserves. The most recent actuarial audit by Towers Perrins' Tillinghast consultants indicated that the IPFCF's assumptions as to future liabilities were extremely conservative, arguably resulting in excess accumulation of reserves adding to premium costs. Accumulation of excess reserves is not in the insured's or the public's interest. Regular actuarial audits will encourage the managers of the fund to keep their rates and reserves for future losses at appropriate levels.

The recent dramatic cuts in rates by the IPFCF seem to be a reaction to that audit and Legislative Audit Bureau review.

2. Give the IPFCF the authority to create an insurance subsidiary to offer first dollar coverage in competition with private insurers if necessary.

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There has been a great deal of discussion about future rates for malpractice coverage by private insurers. While many have indicated that the marketplace is operating efficiently now, both sides have expressed concern about how well it might work in the future. Allowing the IPFCF to create an independently funded subsidiary, if necessary, to offer primary coverage in competition with the other private insurers will add another competitive element that can incrementally keep them honest.

II. Prevention of Malpractice Occurrences:

To keep the long run cost of malpractice insurance coverage as low as possible it would seem to be in everyone's interest for us to consider strategic reforms now that might operate as preventative measures to avoid these undesirable outcomes. In 1999 there was a Legislative Council Special Study Committee that studied these issues and developed a broad consensus package of proposals dealing with regulation and discipline of Health Care Professionals.

(The Legislative Council Committee developed two bills, 1999 SB 317 and SB 318, which were never fully considered by the full Legislature during the 1999-2000 session.)

I suggest that our committee take a closer look at the Legislative Council "Report No. 14 to the 1999 Legislature" (RL 99-14) with an eye to encouraging the Legislature to use it as a beginning point to again seriously consider the kinds of preventative accountability that can reduce occurrences.

Thank you for your consideration. As always, please do not hesitate to call on me if you would like to discuss this or any other recommendations further.



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Comment

AN ACT : relating to: requiring actuarial audits of the injured patients and

families compensation fund and authorizing the fund's board of governors to organize an insurance corporation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The health care liability provisions of the statutes require certain health care providers to carry health care liability (medical malpractice) insurance with liability limits of at least \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and at least \$3,000,000 for all occurrences in a policy year. Any portion of a medical malpractice claim that exceeds the policy limits is paid by the injured patients and families compensation fund (fund) for health care providers that are subject to the health care liability provisions. Money for the fund comes from annual fees paid by health care providers that are subject to the health care liability provisions.

The fund is managed by a 13-member board of governors, which includes the Commissioner of Insurance (commissioner) or a designated representative of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The fees paid by health care providers are set by the commissioner, with the approval of the board of governors, primarily on the basis of past and prospective loss and expense experience for each individual health care provider, for different types of practice, and for the fund in general.

This bill requires the board of governors regularly, but at least once every two years, to contract for the performance of an actuarial audit of the fund. Under current law, all audits of the fund are open to the general public for reasonable inspection. The bill also authorizes the board of governors of the fund to organize an insurance corporation to write and offer health care liability insurance to health care



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providers in this state if the board of governors determines that there is not enough price competition among insurers that offer health care liability insurance in the state.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 655.27 (4) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

655.27 (4) (bm) The board of governors shall regularly, but not less often than once every 2 years, contract for the performance of an actuarial audit of the fund.

SECTION 2. 655.27 (4) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

655.27 (4) (h) If the board of governors determines that too little price competition exists among insurers that offer health care liability insurance in the state, the board of governors may organize an insurance corporation to write and offer health care liability insurance to health care providers in this state to promote greater price competition in the health care liability insurance market.

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Assuming that any expenses for actuarial audits or for organizing an insurance corporation would be paid from the fund, do you think that s. 655.27 (6) needs to be amended to encompass those purposes?

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October 12, 2005

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Thanks,

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